GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR TELEPHONE CAPACITY IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has any plans to increase the cellular telephone capacity in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present cellular telephone capacity in the State;

(d) the number of people currently in the waiting list for connections;

(e) whether the BSNL proposes to establish more cellular telephone towers in Tamil Nadu; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As on 31.01.2005, Bharat Sachar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is having Cellular Network Capacity of 10,69,502 lines in the State of Tamil Nadu and additional capacity of 13,84,800 lines is under implementation.

(d) As a policy, no waiting list is being maintained for cellular connections particularly in a highly competitive environment in the State of Tamil Nadu. However, about 65,000 enquiries have been received for new cellular connections in Tamil Nadu.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. BSNL is in the process of installing around 1375 Radio Base Station (Cellular tower) in Tamil Nadu during the current year.